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Firings by Ford Draw Fire From Both Parties

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Washington, Nov. 3 (News Bureau) — Capitol Hill reacted anxiously, and at times bitterly, today to President Ford's sudden dismissal of two of his top national security aides. At the same time, the consensus grew that Nelson Rockefeller's decision to take himself out of consideration as Ford's 1976 running mate would push Ford farther to the right.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) called for a "a proper and timely explanation by the Presi-

dent" of the Schlesinger firing as well as that of CIA Director William E. Colby. Noting that Schlesinger had publicly differed with the administration over detente, Humphrey declared that "loyalty should not come at the price of stifling honest dissent."

An angry Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, told reporters in a quivering voice that Ford's firing of Colby was "an outrage." He added: "There seems to be a whole pattern developing of trying to thwart the committee's work. There is no question in my mind that concealment is the new order of the day."

Republican conservative James L. Buckley (N.Y.) called the firing "absolutely startling ... I just hope we can find another Schlesinger."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) a leading Democratic presidential candidate, said that the national security shakeup and Rockefeller's pullout were indications that the Ford administration was in "bedlam." "We don't know who's in charge," Jackson said, "Kissinger or Reagan."

Jackson also said that the question arises whether the Schlesinger firing might somehow be related to what he termed administration "panic" over congressional probes of Kissinger's role as the President's national security affairs adviser.